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SUBJ: BRITISH COMPANY REPORTEDLY UNABLE TO PROCEED

WITH LOCAL SMELTER CONSTRUCTION

1. JUNE 17 LA TERCERA CARRIES AP WIRE STORY FROM LONDON SUNDAY TIMES THAT BRITISH SMELTER CORPORATION HAD TO CANCEL \$50 MILLION AGREEMENT WITH CHILE TO BUILD COPPER SMELTER WITH THOUSAND TONS PER YEAR CAPACITY. DEAL REPORTEDLY FELL THROUGH DUE TO UNWILLINGNESS OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT (ECGD) TO GUARANTEE CREDITS FOR PROJECT, THUS CAUSING COMMERCIAL BANKS TO WITHDRAW THEIR FINANCIAL BACKING. ARTICLE STATES THAT IN CANCELLING AGREEMENT BRITISH ARE VOIDING CHILEAN GUARANTEE TO SUPPLY GIVEN QUANTITY OF COPPER EACH YEAR TO GREAT BRITAIN. BRITISH SMELTER REPORTEDLY LOOKING FOR FINANCING IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BOTH WEST AND EAST.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT PRELIMINARY STUDIES FOR CHANARAL SMELTER HAD BEEN PREPARED BY BRITISH SMELTER DURING ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO

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FINAL AGREEMENT WAS EVER SIGNED, BECAUSE BRITISH SMELTER COULD

NEVER FIND FINANCING. SOURCE SPECULATED BRITISH SMELTER MIGHT  
BE TRYING TO USE PRESS PUBLICITY IN EFFORT TO SECURE FINANCING.  
HE KNEW OF NO CONNECTION BETWEEN BRITISH SMELTER PLANS AND  
CHILEAN COPPER EXPORTS TO THE UK.

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